

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:           Emmerson, et al.  
Appl. No.:     10/020,924  
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For:            Electronic Gaming

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ATTENTION: OFFICE OF PETITIONS  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.313(c)(2)  
TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.313(c)(2), Applicants hereby petition that this application be withdrawn from issue. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.114, corresponding fees, and a copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.97. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee insufficiency to Deposit Account 16-0605.

As stated in 37 C.F.R § 1.313(c)(2), once the issue fee has been paid, an application can be withdrawn from issue upon petition by the applicant for consideration of an RCE in compliance with 37 C.F.R § 1.114. Applicants respectfully submit that the present filing meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R § 1.313(c)(2). Accordingly, Applicants petition to withdraw the present application from issue and, in the event that Applicants' petition is granted, to allow filing of the accompanying RCE.

Applicants request that the references set forth in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be considered in the RCE.

Applicants further request return of the issue fee submitted July 15, 2005, by crediting our Deposit Account 16-0605.

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Respectfully submitted,



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